WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. An electrical connector for use with one of a plug and a jack as well as a cable that includes a cable jacket that covers a first portion of multiple pairs of wires, a second portion of the multiple pairs of wires extending beyond the cable jacket, the first portion and the second portion meeting at a junction, the electrical connector comprising:

a housing assembly that is engageable with the one of the plug and the jack, the housing assembly including a plurality of IDC portions; and

a wire containment fixture defining an opening that includes an entry end that receives the cable and an exit end, the wire containment fixture further defining a plurality of wire slots adjacent to the exit end of the opening, each of the wire slots being configured to enable one wire of the second portion of one of the multiple pairs of wires to terminate therein, the opening being configured to enable the second portion of each of the multiple pairs of wires to follow a path so as to be sequentially reoriented to match an orientation of the wire slot in which each wire will be terminated, to be located adjacent to the wire slot in which each wire will be terminated with an axis of each wire being substantially parallel to an axis of the opening, and to bend in a direction substantially normal to the axis of the opening and to be routed on a straight path from the bend into and through its respective wire slot, the wire containment fixture being engageable with the housing assembly such that each IDC portion electrically engages one of the wires terminated in one of the plurality of wire slots.

2. The electrical connector according to claim 1, the wire containment fixture including an inner wall that defines the opening, the inner wall intersecting at least two wire slots corresponding to a pair of wires of the multiple pairs of wires at locations adjacent to the bends of the pair of wires, distances between said locations and the IDC portions in which the pair of wires are terminated being substantially equal.

3. The electrical connector according to claim 1, the wire containment fixture including an inner wall that defines the opening, the inner wall intersecting at least two wire

slots corresponding to a pair of wires of the multiple pairs of wires at locations adjacent to the bends of the pair of wires, distances between said locations and ends of the at least two wire slots being substantially equal.

4. The electrical connector according to claim 1, the wire containment fixture defining at least one exterior wall, each wire slot extending in a direction that is substantially perpendicular to the at least one exterior wall.

5. The electrical connector according to claim 1, two wire slots of the plurality of wire slots being configured such that one pair of wires of the multiple pairs of wires that terminate therein are of a substantially equal length.

6. The electrical connector according to claim 1, two wire slots of the plurality of wire slots being configured such that distances between the respective bends of one pair of wires of the multiple pairs of wires that terminate therein and a portion of the one pair of wires terminated in the two wire slots that engages the IDC portions are equal.

7. The electrical connector according to claim 1, the wire slots being contiguous with the opening of the wire containment fixture.

8. A method of providing electrical connection between one of a plug and a jack and a cable that includes a cable jacket that covers a first portion of multiple pairs of wires, a second portion of the multiple pairs of wires extending beyond the cable jacket, the first portion and the second portion meeting at a junction, the method comprising:

engaging a housing assembly with the one of the plug and the jack, the housing assembly including a plurality of connectors that each include an IDC portion;

receiving the cable in an entry end of an opening defined in a wire containment fixture, the wire containment feature defining an exit end and a plurality of wire slots adjacent to the exit end;

extending the second portion of each of the multiple pairs of wires, in a direction substantially parallel to an axis of the opening, from the junction to a location adjacent to the wire slot in which the wire is to be terminated;

bending the second portion of each of the multiple pairs of wires at said location in a direction substantially normal to the axis of the opening so that each wire is routed on a straight path from said location into the respective wire slot and terminated therein; and

engaging the housing assembly with the wire containment fixture such that the IDC portions of each of the plurality of connectors electrically engages one of the wires terminated in one of the plurality of wire slots.